

**REMARKS**

Applicants acknowledge the indication of the allowability of the subject matter of Claims 22-25, as set forth in item 4 on page 6 of the Office Action. In particular, the latter claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By the foregoing amendment, Claim 21 has been cancelled, and Claims 22 and 24 have been rewritten in independent form. In addition, Claims 26-29 have been amended to depend on allowable Claim 22. Finally, Claim 23 depends on allowable Claim 22. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims of record in this application are now in condition for allowance.

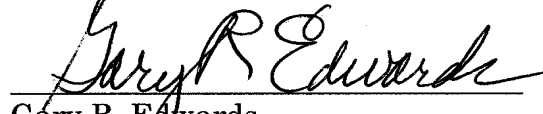
In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit  
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Respectfully submitted,

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